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Subject: Fw: MISSISSIPPI CANYON 252 ODOR COMPLAINTS ATSDR ASSISTANCE
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FYI - Occupational issues for responders, not just public odor issues. ATSDR Atlanta working on the issues through the US Coast Guard JIC.

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Dagny, per your request, this is the request that came into ATSDR IV this morning. ATSDR VI has received a similar one. While the request talks about odors coming off the Gulf, we really need to go beyond that to if and when this stuff hits the beaches. The odor threshold is far below any levels of health concern. The big problem is for the workers

where the volatilization takes place 30 miles off shore and direct contact with the residues when the tarballs get to the beach. By the time the vapors get to where people can smell them, it should be just an odor. The responders are working on air monitoring to confirm that.

We thought we would have things from Murphy Oil and Coffeyville that would be a cut and paste job. We have the ToxFAQs and Public Health Statements for Fuel Oils and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons that we did for DOD. Technically speaking, the stuff from Murphy and Coffeyville doesn't really cut the mustard and the ToxFAQ/PHS go into a lot of things that are not pertinent to this situation. James is looking for more materials from LA Health, NIOSH, and the Internet. TX Health and South Padre Island National Seashore may have some information from the IXTOC Oil spill several years ago that I was going to try to hunt down.

Whatever goes out has to be released through the Interagency Joint Information Center at the Coast Guard District Office in New Orleans, so we were going to write up about a 4 questions and their answers to be folded into their interagency products, run it through the technical clearance chain, and send it to the JIC to merge into their products. The problem is that this has to be turned around quickly (e.g., COB tomorrow); we were shooting for a first draft tonight or first thing in the morning.

Want to help?

Rich Nickle
ATSDR Emergency Response

-----Original Message-----

From: Holler, James S. (Jim) (ATSDR/DTEM/PRMSB)
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Nickle, Richard (ATSDR/DTEM/PRMSB)
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Rich,

Per our discussion this morning.

Jim

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Jim, a follow up from our call this morning. I spoke to Dean Ullock this morning. EPA and USCG sector command would like this ASAP as complaints coming in more frequently. Bob

----- Original Message -----

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Bob,

As mentioned and briefly discussed during the Sector Mobile Stakeholders call this Sunday afternoon, last night we started to receive land based "diesel like" odor complaints in Alabama and Mississippi through the NRC. I could smell it strongly here in Fairhope some 70-80 miles away. I'm certain it was because of the very low atmospheric pressure and strong southerly winds. Before this is all behind us we're liable to get many more.

For those complaints that come from Region IV, would you please assist our fellow stakeholders should if these complaints become persistent, etc?..

Is there a number or fact sheet I can give out to our stakeholders so they can become knowledgeable and put out a unified message to the public.

Thanks Bob.

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